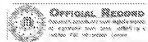


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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication**

Title: (U) Open investigation based on allegations that children are being sexually exploited

Date: 04/02/2013

From: CHARLOTTE

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Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 31C-CE-2799059

(U) UNSUBS;
POSSIBLE CHILD VICTIMS;
TWELVE TRIBES COMPOUND;
HIDDENITE, NC

CHILD VICTIM/WITNESS IDENTITY INFORMATION

Protect identity in compliance with 18 USC 3509.

Synopsis: (U) To open investigation based upon a complaint received from Alexander County Sheriff's Office that children are being sexually exploited at the Twelve Tribes compound located in Hiddenite, North Carolina.

Preliminary Investigation Initiated: 04/02/2013, set to expire 10/02/2013

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Complaint of [REDACTED]
2. (U) Complaint of [REDACTED]

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Details:

On [REDACTED] HSI Special Agent [REDACTED] reported that she received a call from the Alexander County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) related to an [REDACTED] from a residence in Hiddenite, NC owned by a community called the Twelve Tribes.

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[redacted] contacted the sheriff's office to advise that [redacted] ACSO Deputy [redacted] responded and was able to [redacted] from the community only with the assistance of multiple back up units and using [redacted]. Male members of the community had been combative and threatened physical confrontation so Deputy [redacted] had to call in emergency back up. SA [redacted] contacted ACSO Sgt. [redacted] to obtain further details.

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[redacted] at length on [redacted] and [redacted] advised SA [redacted] of the following:

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[redacted] is a member of the Twelve Tribes community in Hiddenite, NC and has been an inducted member for [redacted]. Twelve Tribes has communes throughout the world and the Hiddenite location is the training center. There is drug use at the commune through baking drugs into "ritual" bread. LSD and hallucinogenic plants are usually used, however meth and heroin have been used. [redacted] accompanied members on one drug run to [redacted] the compound in Hiddenite. There are ritual ceremonies once a month which involve breaking the ritual bread and also involve sexual orgies. [redacted] told [redacted] that punishment within the cult is being beaten with a rod and having your wife or children sexually assaulted by cult members.

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[redacted] advised that the Sheriff's Office has been aware that the cult existed in Hiddenite since 2006. He also confirmed that much of the land in Hiddenite was owned by the Twelve Tribes because when families join the cult, they turn over their property to the cult.

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ACSO requested FBI assistance in investigating this matter and possibly bringing federal charges. ACSO will meet with the FBI on 4/2/13.

A check of [redacted] revealed other reported instances of sexual abuse which occurred in various Twelve Tribes locations within the US. Two of the prior complaints re attached. The other can be located in ACS,

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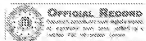
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FBI Charlotte will open a preliminary investigation to determine if children are being sexually exploited within the cult.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Complaint Form**

Title: (U) [redacted] Sexual Abuse of
Children in Cult

Date: 03/18/2013

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Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 70-DN-0

(U) CRIME ON GOVT RESERVATION-DEATH OR
SERVERE BODIL Y INJURY - ZERO FILE

Complaint Synopsis: (U) Sexual Abuse of Children in Cult/Manitou
Springs, CO/DN

Received On: 03/15/2013

Receipt Method: Telephone

Received By: [redacted]

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Incident Type: Criminal Activity

Complaint Details:

On March 15, 2013, [redacted] called the Public Access Line to
report sexual abuse of children in the TWELVE TRIBES cult located in
Manitou Springs, Colorado.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]
[redacted] due to the sexual abuse and beatings that he
incurred from cult members.

[redacted] stated that the children are threatened not to tell the police
or anyone about the beatings or sexual abuse. [redacted] has not
contacted local police or Child Protective Services in the area.

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[redacted] stated that there is no one person in charge of the cult, and
that members come and go regularly. [redacted] stated that [redacted]
are still in the cult and that he has concerns for [redacted]

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Title: (U) [redacted] Sexual Abuse of Children in Cult
Re: 70-DN-0, 03/18/2013

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[redacted]
[redacted] stated that the cult runs a restaurant in Manitou Springs
called [redacted]
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[redacted] is willing to testify in court regarding the sexual assault and
beatings that he incurred from cult members.

[redacted] - Twelve Tribes - [redacted]
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Pre-Assessment Findings:

On 3/18/2013, VS [redacted] contacted [redacted] at the El Paso County
Sheriff's Office (EPSO). [redacted] is the [redacted]
[redacted] for EPSO and also responsible for [redacted] for the
Manitou Springs Police Department (MSPD). VS [redacted] provided
[redacted] with the above information and the the contact information
for the complainant. [redacted] was going to discuss the information
with her law enforcement contacts at MSPD.

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Recommended Action: File to Existing Case

Entities:

[redacted] (Complainant, Person, U.S. Person? Yes)

Name/Biographical Information

Name: [redacted]
Born: [redacted]
Minor? [redacted]
Has Diplomatic Status? No

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Location

Address: [redacted]

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Title: (U) [redacted] Sexual Abuse of Children in Cult
Re: 70-DN-0, 03/18/2013

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City: [redacted]
State: [redacted]
Zip Code: [redacted]
Country: United States

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Communication Account

Type: Telephone
Account: [redacted]

Mate Factor (Reference, Organization, U.S. Person? Unknown)

Location

Address: [redacted]
City: [redacted]
State: [redacted]
Zip Code: [redacted]
Country: United States

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Communication Account

Type: Telephone
Account: [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/26/2010

To: San Diego

Attn: VCMO

From: New Orleans
Squad 3

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: NO 306-0 (Pending)

Title: SERIAL KILLINGS ZERO FILE;
VC-VIC

Synopsis: To document allegation of a possible homicide.

Details: On July 13, 2010, a follow up was conducted in response to a call in complaint. The complainant [REDACTED] advised that she was raised in a cult called The Twelve Tribes (cult), also known as [REDACTED] which has communities all over the country to include Island Pond, Vermont; Lancaster, New Hampshire; Boston, Massachusetts; Westminster, New York; Arcadia, Florida; Hanau, Missouri; Vista, California; Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Savannah, Georgia. [REDACTED] was a member of the cult from [REDACTED] and lived for brief periods of time in [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During her time with the cult, [REDACTED] was both a witness to as well as a victim of abuse. [REDACTED] witnessed the most abuse while living in [REDACTED] a community ran by [REDACTED]

Recently [REDACTED] has been in contact with other former members of the cult through Facebook. Through this contact, [REDACTED] has discovered that while living with the cult, the other members had similar experiences, specifically involving excessive discipline and physical abuse.

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[REDACTED] began communicating regularly with one particular former member, [REDACTED] a resident of [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that as a child, she was both sexually and physically abused by cult members, particularly, [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. However [REDACTED] had repressed the memories. Around early 2009, [REDACTED] began seeing a psychologist, and her memories of the abuse resurfaced. [REDACTED] psychologist reported the abuse to the local authorities in [REDACTED] In addition, [REDACTED] had contacted national leaders of the cult to inform them that she had been abused as a child. Around [REDACTED] began having personal meetings with the cult leaders.

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To: San Diego From: New Orleans
Re: 306-0, 07/26/2010

On [redacted] directly after a meeting with cult leaders in [redacted] was in a car crash and was killed. [redacted] opines that the car crash was not accidental but rather orchestrated by cult members to prevent [redacted] from propagating the claims of abuse and seeking civil compensation or criminal charges. [redacted] advised that anyone who has spoken out against the cult in the past has had a similar, untimely accidental death, and she would be able to provide names of those individuals if needed.

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can be described as follows:

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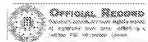
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was interviewed via telephone. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] came in contact with the TWELVE TRIBES about [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] were in [REDACTED] Members of the TWELVE TRIBES referred them to the community in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was attracted to the religion because [REDACTED] and she needed a place to stay, which the community offered.

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A member named [REDACTED] that told [REDACTED] that children were abused by community members. On one occasion, [REDACTED] walked into the dining room in the [REDACTED] community and went into the kid's "wooping" room where a child was being hit with a "baroon stick" (phonetic spelling). She counted the child receiving 27 "licks." "Baroon" sticks are dipped in water to make them stronger. The child was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was whipping the child. In the Twelve Tribe community, any community member is allowed to punish any child belonging to the community.

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[REDACTED] would see members of the community taking children to the room to be "wooped." A child could be taken to the "wooping" room if he/she smiles at another child during "gathering" or if he/she is "horsing" around. Bigger children have missed "gathering" for a couple of days at a time because they were beaten so badly and left in a condition where they could not attend "gathering."

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During school hours, [REDACTED] would see some of the boys in the community hanging out with older men who were not their fathers.

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[REDACTED] does not think that the children were deprived of food as a form of punishment. However, if they missed "gathering" due to punishment, they did not receive food.

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File # 31C-CE-2799059 Date drafted 04/07/2013

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A member of the community named [REDACTED] that left the community. [REDACTED] was once locked in a cellar, beaten, and deprived of food.

Children were routinely given alcohol at a service called "Breaking of Bread."

[REDACTED] stated that ex-members of the TWELVE TRIBES can be found in blogs. She is not in contact with members who are disassociated. [REDACTED] left the community because she could not take it and could not be submissive and perfect, [REDACTED] as was required by the community. The TWELVE TRIBE members work members to death. It was easy for [REDACTED] to leave the community because the community members did not want her there. [REDACTED] could not talk to [REDACTED] because it was against the rules for community members to associate with others outside of the community. [REDACTED] would sneak and call [REDACTED] every couple of days.

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One time, [REDACTED] He had never slept for three days. Members of the community [REDACTED] so that he could leave the community. In order to leave the community, [REDACTED] had to move [REDACTED] went to the doctor it was found that he had "meth" or opiates in his system. [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] was given drugs by members of the TWELVE TRIBES. The TWELVE TRIBES also tried to ship [REDACTED] out-of-state or out of the country to hide him from his family. The TWELVE TRIBES is known to have done that to other members.

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The TWELVE TRIBES claimed to be a non-profit organization, but it owns businesses. Members of the TWELVE TRIBES do not believe in visiting doctors' for medical treatment. They believe that if it is God's plan for you to die, then it will be so and one should not try to prevent it by visiting a doctor. The TWELVE TRIBES buries its own members, but [REDACTED] does not know where.

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On April 6, 2013, [REDACTED] provided additional information. Members of the TWELVE TRIBES wrap their babies so tightly in blankets that the babies cannot move and if they cry, the babies' mouths are covered. [REDACTED] could not remember the names of these babies nor the babies' parents. [REDACTED] might remember the names.

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Before meals, the children must say aloud a German phrase. There was a German family that lived within the community. The German father's child was a [REDACTED] year old girl who was very meek, mild, and sweet. Her father got angry with her and began "wooping" her and telling her to repeat the German phrase louder over and over again. At the next

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gathering, the little girl said the German phrase loudly. At this, [REDACTED]
felt like crying.

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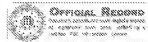
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[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed at the Charlotte Field Office of the FBI. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] telephoned law enforcement on April 1, 2013, to report that [redacted] was a member of the TWELVE TRIBES, and members of the religious group would not allow [redacted] to leave the group's compound. [redacted] finally fled from the compound and [redacted] Members of the [redacted] COMMUNITY [redacted] The TWELVE TRIBES do not believe in modern medicine. [redacted] believed that members may have died on the compound and were buried there. The TWELVE TRIBES has no respect for authority.

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[redacted] was introduced to the TWELVE TRIBES by a member that he met while he was [redacted] telephone number [redacted] checked out the TWELVE TRIBES for [redacted] while he was [redacted] [redacted] joined the TWELVE TRIBES in [redacted] They later went to the [redacted] of the TWELVE TRIBES in [redacted]

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[redacted] The other members are from out-of-state. Members of the community encourage new members to give up their properties, inheritances, and personal possessions, which are in turn used by the TWELVE TRIBES.

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The HIDDENITE COMMUNITY is a training center for the TWELVE TRIBES. EVERY three months, members rotate in and out of the TWELVE TRIBES communities. There are about 56 communities within the TWELVE TRIBES. Every three months, members of the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY leave and new members come to attend the School of Prophets and the Training Center. The Training Center teaches one how to discipline wives and children. The Cottage is a school for the children.

Investigation on 04/02/2013 at Charlotte, North Carolina, United States (In Person)

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All disobedient members of the community are punished. [REDACTED] was punished for [REDACTED]. Disobedient men and women are disciplined by being hit at what is called by the TWELVE TRIBES a "dowel" (phonetic spelling).

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Members of the community attend PRT (Public Relations Training) where they are trained to recognize police and they are told what to tell the police if questioned. They are also shown pictures of known police officers.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was a member of the TWELVE TRIBES up until [REDACTED] when she left the group. [REDACTED] witnessed the beatings of children belonging to TWELVE TRIBES members. She left after witnessing a child being hit [REDACTED] (a member of the community) with bruises on his face. [REDACTED] has not seen the sexual abuse of children within the community, but he has heard of it.

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Members of the TWELVE TRIBES began to give [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] he escaped from the compound and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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and other drugs. On [REDACTED] most recent doctor's visit, the doctors established that [REDACTED] was mentally competent and had [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in his system. [REDACTED] had not knowingly ingested any such drugs. [REDACTED] has never taken [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (a member of the community) is a [REDACTED] He grows [REDACTED]

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The women are only given drugs when they take long trips or during "breaking of the bread." [REDACTED] attended a "breaking of the bread" ceremony where he was given a drink from the community cup and bread to eat. "Breaking of the bread" is a gathering where the adult members of the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY drink from a flask, which makes them hallucinate, and they eat bread. [REDACTED] suspects that there is LSD or "mushrooms" in the drink. The drink or food caused him to hallucinate. He awakened to a woman performing oral sex on him. This occurred at the Cottage in the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY. Sex orgies and "gang bangs" occur at the Cottage. Children are not allowed to go to the Cottage during breaking of the bread.

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Herpes and hepatitis are prevalent within the TWELVE TRIBES.

[REDACTED] the TWEVE TRIBES and lives in the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY. From 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM, all of the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY members congregate

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as [REDACTED] provides them with direction and reads bible verses. They all congregate again from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM, where members stand and tell what they have learned. These gatherings are called minha (phonetic spelling). The only excuse for not attending minha would be due to immobility or hospitalization.

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The children drink alcohol when they congregate at the Conference Center. If a child or wife is missing from any of the gatherings, it have been because they were "gang banged." [REDACTED] was "gang banged" for being unfaithful.

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[REDACTED] has a slave named [REDACTED]. The slaves are black. The slaves choose to be slaves for [REDACTED] he doesn't force them to be slaves. Each tribe has a black family. [REDACTED] also has six virgins. The virgins are at least 18 years old. Two of [REDACTED] virgins are French and Spanish speaking.

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Within the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY compound, there are twelve houses and big warehouses that provide living spaces for members. The Lackey House has seven bedrooms and three bathrooms.

Upstairs in the Conference Center is where all files and computers are located. Each member has a personal file. Each member must adopt a Hebrew name.

[REDACTED] the printing shop within the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY and he [REDACTED] for anyone who [REDACTED] in the United States. The community has a machine in which you slide money into it and the machine extracts a metal strip out of the money. [REDACTED] believes that a satellite monitors the metal strips in money. WESTERN UNION is not trusted because it leaves a paper trail.

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For a couple's anniversary, they can pick a person from the tribe to take to the Cottage and have sex. The councilmen can choose any woman as a wife, even if the woman is already married. If a husband refuses at first, he always gives in to the wishes of the councilmen.

A woman from [REDACTED] arrived with [REDACTED] after [REDACTED]. There came a point when the woman wanted to leave the community, but the community members [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to prevent her from leaving.

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[REDACTED] is an ex-member of the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY. He was one of the [REDACTED] is in communication with one of [REDACTED]

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The HIDDENITE COMMUNITY has a [REDACTED]

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The TWELVE TRIBES used to be heavily armed until the raid in 1985. During the law enforcement raid upon the community in 1985, the TWELVE TRIBES did away with guns.

The HIDDENITE COMMUNITY puts a drug in the food of the workers that gives the workers the energy to work for long periods of time. Each delivery of the drug to the community is delivered by a different delivery company. The drug is stored in the warehouse or freezer on the compound in Hiddenite, North Carolina. The freezer is hidden. Only councilmen are allowed to handle deliveries to the compound. [REDACTED] believes that small amounts of the drug are placed in the food so as not to be detectable in a blood test. The TWELVE TRIBES also purchases shipments of bath salts.

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A "push" is when three to six people go from each of the 56 communities go to a location and work night and day for three straight days. The members of the "push" are allowed to drink the coffee that is provided to them. [REDACTED] believes that there is something added to the coffee that keeps the people awake and working for three straight days.

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Mante (phonetic spelling) is the name of a drink that members of the TWELVE TRIBES drink. The children drink mante also. However, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] do not drink it. Mante is also served in the form of a bar. People believe that they have received the holy spirit when they ingest mante. Mante and cocoa leaves are shipped to the United States from South America. The TWELVE TRIBES owns a ship that ships the products that they purchase from overseas. The ship is called the "PEACEMAKER" and is docked in Georgia. The TWELVE TRIBES also owns a large bus that follows [REDACTED] around the United States during his performances. The bus is also called the "PEACEMAKER."

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The TWELVE TRIBES has in-ground bunkers located in Buffalo, New York and Island Pond. [REDACTED] once stated that, "They are going to come in and run us off to the woods."

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[REDACTED] is very worried about the kids in the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY.

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Some of the addresses of properties in HIDDENITE, North Carolina owned by the HIDDENITE COMMUNITY are [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED] and the HIDDENITE CONFERENCE CENTER located at 140 Old Mountain Road, Hiddenite, North Carolina.

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Notes taken during the interview are enclosed in a 1A attached to this communication.

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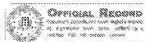
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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Closing of investigation

Date: 09/06/2013

From: CHARLOTTE

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Contact:

Approved By:

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Drafted By:

Case ID #: 31C-CE-2799059

(U) UNSUBS;
POSSIBLE CHILD VICTIMS;
TWELVE TRIBES COMPOUND;
HIDDENITE, NC

Synopsis: (U) To request case closing of captioned investigation.

Preliminary Investigation Initiated: 04/02/2013, set to expire 10/02/2013

Details:

Writer requests to close the captioned investigation that is being investigated by the Sargeant [REDACTED] of the Alexander County Sheriff's Office. FBI assistance was offered in furtherance of the investigation. No further assistance has been requested.

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This case is considered closed.

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